

## Mirror editorials, etc.

### Transformer and PCB's

The recent fiasco with those electrical transformers off Peck Avenue is a lesson local residents and city officials should remember.

And it was a fiasco. The residents of the neighborhood requested city help on the matter about half a year ago — that's six months ago.

They asked the city to find out if the transformers were hazardous to their health. After that, there have been many instances lately that electrical transformers found lying around contained the cancer-causing agents PCB's.

After waiting about five months, these residents again asked for city help.

And that's where the fiasco begins. The city again referred the matter to the State Department of Environmental Resources (DER).

Another month passed before the residents asked council to bring the matter to light at a council meeting. It was done so.

Council was told that the DER had not called back. This is the point that the MIRROR jumped in.

The MIRROR called the DER. The DER said they would normally refer matters of that type to the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The MIRROR contacted the EPA in Philadelphia.

After talking with several people there, the MIRROR talked with a gentleman who handles PCB problems. He said he knew nothing of the local situation, but that it was possible that the information was misplaced — not transferred to him. "How about checking it out?" he was asked.

Maybe in a month, he replied. Why? Because there were only two people in his department to handle five states.

Comforting thought when you hear some of the stories about bureaucrats sitting around with nothing to do.

As it turns out, the Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. checked it out and was pretty sure there were no PCB's.

However, several days later the DER came to town, inspected the transformers and declared them safe.

And that's the story of the fiasco. But it is small consolation to the residents of that neighborhood who were constantly exposed to something which has been proven to increase the chances of getting cancer.

If you'll pardon us saying this: it was as though they lived next door to a bomb — not knowing if it were armed or not.

And having to wait and wait and wait until someone decided to check it to see if it really were armed.

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We have to go along with city council on their seeking state help on formulating the 1982 city budget. Pride could have forced them to forego asking for the help.

It would have been all too easy for them to say: let's not, it will embarrass the city.

The way we see it, it is better for the city to suffer this small embarrassment than for it to again bear the national media's attention should it again be threatened with a cutoff of utilities.

That was embarrassing!

Being a forced motorist (the way our car uses gasoline around town, we would walk if we could), we have seen too many places where stop signs are needed in the area.

One spot in particular is along North Scott Street.

There are a couple of intersecting streets that carry no stop signs.

Since we are aware of the situation, we drive through those intersections, watching out for the other guy.

But those motorists from out of town would be unaware of the lack of stop signs.

Their ignorance of the situation should not be one for which they have to pay — through an automobile accident.

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### Your window to the world

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK OCT. 11-17

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By NAN WATERS

Whatever happened to the English language? The King's English, so to speak, is kind of spindly fourth grade teacher taught you. Remember diagramming sentences, when you drew little lines for adjectives and adverbs, and subjects and predicates?

Kids these days don't know nuthin' about grammar. Their language consists mainly of four basic elements: the excessive use of the word like, as a verb, noun, adjective and adverb, the phrase "you know," frequently interspersed with every third thing they say, use of the word "goes" instead of said, stated, emphasized, related, commented, interrupted, etc. and the question-like use of the word "right" at the end of each sentence.

For example, a typical conversation between two teen-agers might go something like this: "How are ya?" "I'm like, you know, like lousy." "What happened at the dance last night, like?" "I'm there, like dancin', havin' a lot, you know, like good time, when he goes, let's split, you know, let's split, like take a walk, you know?" "What happened?" You know, like what came down?

"Like we're there, we took a walk, he goes let's zip down for a pizza, I go naw, I'm beat, he goes, Aw, come on, willya, I'm starved, etc. etc."

Get the idea? Can you imagine a visitor from another planet trying to decipher this mishmash of deplorable dialogue?

Where were these kids when English class was being held in elementary school? Out to lunch? Where did they pick up this terrible lingo? Certainly not from their grade school teachers, and most assuredly not at home. What, at home, ever spoke that way?

Nobody, but anybody, either parent or teacher, ever impressed upon them the importance of correct language usage! Nobody, but nobody ever succeeded in business, or climbed the corporate ladder, who spoke that way! But even now, get this, well educated people say, "like I said."

And have you noticed how many really well educated people say, "I thank for inviting Mary and I," or "Go out to dinner with dad and I?"

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### Church notes

Beren Baptist Church, Carbondale. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., Bible study, with Dr. Claude A. Pullis, pastor, at the parsonage.

Saturday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m., Abington Baptist Association Youth Program at Jackson Street Baptist Church; 8:30 p.m., the Beacon Builders will hold their monthly potluck supper, at the church, hosted by Lloyd and Norma Gilroy.

Sunday, Oct. 18, 9:45 a.m., church school for all ages; 11 a.m., morning worship, with the annual meeting of the Abington Baptist Association at the Jackson Street Baptist Church. The program includes a concert by the Susquehanna University Choir and an address by Dr. George Peck, dean and professor of theology at Andover Newton Theological School, a former missionary to Japan.

First United Methodist Church of Carbondale. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m., quilters will meet; 5:30 p.m., Children's Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal.

Friday, Oct. 16, 8:30 p.m., Spark rehearsal.

Saturday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m., bake and sell, sponsored by the bell choir.

Sunday, Oct. 18, 9:15 a.m., church school; 10:30 a.m., morning worship service; 6:30 p.m., Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Monday, Oct. 19, 8 p.m., Youth Bell Choir practice; 6 p.m., Methodist Beans and Belles Choir practice; 7:30 p.m., Methodist Men's meeting.

Lackawanna Episcopal Ministry. Saturday, Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, Carbondale, cancelled this week only.

Sunday, Oct. 18, 7:30 a.m., Trinity cancelled this week only. Christ Church, Forest City, 9 a.m., Holy Eucharist, sermon, the Rev. Robert Orr.

St. George's, Olyphant, 9 a.m., Holy Eucharist and sermon, the Rev. Forrest Vaughn.

Trinity, 10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist and sermon, the Rev. Robert Orr.

St. James, Jermy, 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist and sermon, the Rev. Forrest Vaughn.

First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m., the Presbyterian Women's Association fall festival and silent auction, 11:30 a.m., luncheon, 5 p.m., roast beef dinner.

Thursday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., Bible study and prayer circle.

Sunday, Oct. 18, 9:45 a.m., Sunday School, 11 a.m., morning worship service, with sermon by the Rev. Charles F.J. Starrer; pastor, broadcast over radio station WCPL. Communion will be served following the morning worship service.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Carbondale. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., first night of a triduum marking the 800th anniversary of the birth of St. Francis of Assisi. Theme: "God's Presence." The celebration of the Sacred Liturgy will be held. The Rev. Michael Kewin, assistant pastor of St. Cecilia's Parish, Exeter, will be the guest homilist.

Daily Masses are held at 7 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Sunday Masses are 8 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m.

First United Methodist Church, Jermy. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., United Methodist Women's meeting, church parlors, Helen Stephens presiding, each member is encouraged to bring a gift.

Thursday, Oct. 15, choir rehearsals, 6:30 p.m., Church, 7:30 p.m., Senior, 8:30 p.m., Junior, 9:30 p.m., Youth, 10:30 p.m., meeting of committee planning Nov. 7 chicken 'n' biscuit dinner.

Sunday, Oct. 18, World Order Sunday, 10 a.m., morning worship, sermon, "Is Anyone Listening?" Scripture, Gen. 21:9-21, special music will be provided by the church choir.

11:15, Sunday School, classes for all ages, pre-school through adult; 6 p.m., Youth Fellowship meeting.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 3 p.m., JOY class meeting.

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 3 p.m., JOY class meeting.

Thursday, Oct. 22, 3 p.m., JOY class meeting.

Friday, Oct. 23, 3 p.m., JOY class meeting.

## Mirror consumer news

### Carbondale area recipe exchange

### Cookie, tomato recipes given

The MIRROR welcomes and will publish recipes from individuals, in an effort to provide interesting, creative cooking directions for special events and holidays, or every-day family favorites. There are no prizes, no gimmicks... just send your favorite recipes, with explicit directions to the CARBONDALE MIRROR, 64 Fallbrook St., Carbondale, Pa. 18007. We drop them off at our office. There is ample free parking in the rear of the building, courtesy of Follomew Drug Store.

#### Thumbprint Cookies

1/2 cup soft shortening (half butter)  
1/2 cup brown sugar (packed)  
1 egg yolk  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 egg white  
1/4 cup finely chopped nuts.

Heat oven to 350° F. Mix shortening, brown sugar, egg yolk, and vanilla thoroughly. Blend flour and salt; stir together with shortening mixture.

Roll 1 teaspoon dough into balls. Dip in slightly beaten egg white. Roll in nuts. Place 1" apart on ungreased baking sheet; press thumb gently into centers. Bake 10 to 12 minutes. Cool. Fill holes with jelly or tinted confectioner sugar icing.

Makes about 3 dozen cookies. P.S., I always use raspberry jelly but you can use any kind.

This is a good recipe for now when people have left over green tomatoes — Cora Road, Jermy.

#### Green Tomato Bread

The following is a favorite recipe from V.V. of Carbondale.

How reliable are the economic indicators commonly used to describe economic trends?

Can the Consumer Price Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, or other well-known indicators, be trusted to help you reach important personal financial decisions? The Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, has this to say: "Use the indicators, but understand their limitations."

According to Joseph J. Kalata, CPA, president of the Northeastern Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, "Certain indicators are vital in helping people understand the direction the economy is currently taking."

Here are the chief indicators with advice from the CPAs on how to apply them to personal financial questions.

(CPI): The CPI is the most commonly used measure of the cost of living. Salaries and pension plans are frequently indexed by this index which tracks the increase or decrease in the cost of food, housing, clothing, medical care and transportation.

Calculated monthly, the index tracks the direction and rate of living costs.

Last year, according to the CPI, the cost of living increased more than 12 percent. The CPI has decreased slightly this year with an increase of only 10 percent from April 1980 to April 1981.

The first thing to do is to compare the CPI with your income. If your income did not increase at least 12 percent last year, your living standard is in jeopardy. To improve it, you must increase your income faster than prices are rising.

If the CPI had increased steadily over the past six months, this might be a good time to start looking for a higher salary to meet increased living costs.

The stock market tends to attract investment when the inflation rate begins to decline or when speculators decide that it is about to decline. This may lead you to invest in stocks or mutual funds.

The stock market is usually one of the earliest indicators of changes in the economy. It declines before a business recession appears. It also will turn upward before the end of a recession so watch this one closely.

The Dow Jones tends to move in the opposite direction from interest rates, but there have been occasional exceptions.

Treasury Notes: When the interest rate rises on short term borrowing by the government, it means inflation is continuing. When rates drop, it means inflation may be slowing down.

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## You are invited to an open house at the Scott Township branch the First National Bank of Peckville

To celebrate the completion of the addition to the branch



BRANCH MANAGER John B. Searle, right, stands with some of his staff at the Montdale Branch of the First National Bank of Peckville. (Ros-Al)

### Refreshments served by Corpus Christi Church and the Scott Valley United Methodist Church

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### Business and industry

### Montdale branch plans open house

By NAN WATERS

Extensive additions to the Scott Township Branch of the First National Bank of Peckville will be exhibited to the public during an open house scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

According to John B. Searle, branch manager of the Montdale (R.D. 1 Olyphant) bank, bank officials will be on hand, and prizes will be awarded to visitors who attend the open house celebration. Ten door prizes of \$100 savings accounts will be awarded to customers who visit the suburban bank during the week.

The Scott Township branch, which first opened in 1971, has added a new vault, safe deposit boxes, drive-up windows, and additional teller stations all for the convenience of their "country" customers.

During the three-day open house observance, refreshments will be served by members of Corpus Christi and Scott Valley United Methodist Churches.

"We're celebrating the completion of extensive renovations required by the enormous growth and acceptance of our branch bank," manager Searle told the MIRROR this week. "We're hoping that all of our friends and customers, old and new, will be during this week. We want folks in the Scott Township area to come in and get to know us. We know you'll be happy to do business with us, a local bank you know, that knows you."

Open house will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday and Saturday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Both the Scott Township bank and First National Bank of Peckville are normally open from 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday for the convenience of their customers.

The advisory board of the Scott Township Branch includes Walter F. Bloes, Samuel Dreaser, James Fidatti, Jack Hodgson, Howard Miller and Lavina Spencer.

Directors of First National Bank of Peckville are Eugene Anastasio, Frank Anastasio, Walter F. Bloes, Dr. Walter S. Bloes, Milton Friedman, Leslie Martin, Robert W. Propp, Alfred H. Reich and Arthur P. Walley.

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